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**Share!** NEW EVENT DATE! Is your business looking for summer staff? #Durham is now seeking employers to participate in our Jan. 31 SummerWork Youth Job Expo: <a href="mailto:Bit.ly/SummerWorkOrg2018">Bit.ly/SummerWorkOrg2018</a>

## Durham Announces New Date for SummerWork Youth Job Expo, Seeks Employers

Expo Date, Time & Location Changed Due to January's Inclement Weather

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham employers looking to hire their summer staff will soon have an opportunity to interview hundreds of teens and young adults during this month's <a href="SummerWork">SummerWork</a> Youth Job Expo.

The expo, previously scheduled for <u>January 16</u>, has been moved to a later date this month due to the impact of January's winter weather, and the public school make-up day that is now on January 16. This job expo will now take place on Wednesday, January 31, which is an early-release day for Durham Public Schools. The event will be held at Hillside High School, located at 3727 Fayetteville St., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Each year hundreds of youth, ages 14-24, attend this expo to seek summer employment and internship opportunities in order to gain work experiences, build their résumés, and earn income for themselves and their families. The expo also provides job readiness workshops and a job fair for young adults while providing an opportunity for employers to recruit their summer staff. A drawing for door prizes for youth in attendance will also occur at the end of the job expo.

As part of the expo, employers will have an opportunity to make a short presentation to a large youth audience about their companies and available positions beginning at 3 p.m. Following this session, the job fair will begin where employers can provide handouts and information about their organizations and available positions along with demos, displays, and giveaways. Tables

and chairs will be provided and there is no cost to employers to participate. Employers interested in participating can now register to attend at <a href="mailto:Bit.ly/SummerWorkOrg2018">Bit.ly/SummerWorkOrg2018</a>.

The SummerWork Youth Job Expo is hosted by the <u>City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> in partnership with <u>Made in Durham</u>, <u>Durham Technical Community College</u>, <u>Durham Public Schools</u>, <u>Durham County</u>, and other community partners. For more information, contact Senior Employment Program Coordinator <u>James Dickens</u> with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965, ext. 15217 or by <u>email</u>.

## About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the <u>Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

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